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- 1. ON AUGUST 20, MISOFFS MET WITH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR (FURLONGER) AT HIS INVITATION TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, PLAN OF WORK FOR SUBJECT GROUP WHOSE FIRST MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 30. FURLONGER OBSERVED THAT COSPONSORS OF BOARD RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GROUP HAD ALREADY BEGUN CONSULTATIONS ON THE MATTER AND HAD AGREED ON SEVERAL POINTS.
- AGREED SUPPORT CANDIDACY ALAN WILSON OF AUSTRALIA FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP (WE COMMENTED THAT WE FORESAW NO PROBLEM WITH THIS. SOVIETS HAVE REQUESTED INSTRA D FROM MOSCOW). GENERAL FEELING OF CO-SPONSORS WAS THAT WORK OF GROUP SHOULD PROCEED EXPB P IN ORDER TO COMPLETE STUDIES WITHIN 18-MONTH TIME FRAME. ACCORDINGLY,

2. CO-SPONSORS (UK, AUSTRALIA, FRG, JAPAN, THAILAND)

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THEY HOPE TO HAVE FIRST MEETING DEAL WITH PLANNING OF

SUBSTANTIVE WORK AS WELL AS WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS. WITH REGARD TO FORMER, POINTS OF DEPARTURE WILL BE BACKGROUND REPORT DG HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE ON SECRETARIAT'S WORK TO DATE ON PNE'S AS WELL AS ANY VIEWS MEMBER STATES BY THAT TIME MAY HAVE COMMUNICATED TO DG. IN ADDITION, CO-SPONSORS WILL EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON A REPORT BY ROWEN SETTING FORTH PROPOSED OUTLINE OR ORGANIZATION OF HIS STUDY ON COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS OF PNE'S. (FOR ACDA: DELCOIGNE OF AGENCY WROTE TO ROWEN LAST WEEK REQUESTING THAT OUTLINE BE AVAILABLE TO GROUP FOR SEPT. 30 MEETING. IN VIEW OF ACDA'S INTEREST THIS SUBJECT, MISSION URGES TIMELY RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST).

- 3. CO-SPONSORS CONTEMPLATE THREE FURTHER MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1976. FEBRUARY MEETING WOULD CONSIDER ROWEN'S COMPLETED STUDY AND AGENCY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN IDENTIFYING LEGAL ASPECTS AS WELL AS POSSIBLE FURTHER PROGRESS ON HEALTH AND SAFETY ASPECTS. TWO FURTHER MEETINGS WOULD PRESEUMABLY DEAL WITH STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF AGREEMENTS CONTRMPLATED ARTICLE V.
- 4. FURLONGER STATED HIS OPINION THAT BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY OF SUBJECT, WORK ON LEGAL ASPECTS AND TREATY OBLIGATIONS, SHOULD BEGIN AT AN EARLY STAGE IN GROUP'S ACTIVITIES. MISOFFS REPLIED THAT IN DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT, GROUP MIGHT WISH TREAT CONTAINED PNE'S FIRST SINCE DISCUSSION OF CRATERING PNE'S MIGHT INVOLVE GROUP IN LTBT RAMIFICATION WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE SMOOTH PROGRESS OF GROUP, PARTICULARLY IF IT ARISES AT AN EARLY STAGE OF DISCUSSION.
- 5. FURLONGER UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS PROBABLE THAT IN ADDITION TO CO-SPONSORS PLUS SOVIETS, INDIA, INDONESIA AND ARGENTINA HAVE THUS FAR INDICATED A WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP. MISOFFS OBSERVED THAT CONSIDERING WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS REPRESENTED, CARE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PREVENT, INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, GROUP BECOMING A PLATFORM FOR CRITICS OF NWS'S AND ARTICLE V OF NPT.

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6. FINALLY, FURLONGER POINTED OUT DELICATE PROBLEM POSED BY OPERATIVE PARA. 7 OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY JUNE BOARD WHICH AUTHORIZES GROUP TO INVITE STATES PARTY TO THE NPT BUT NOT MEMBERS OF AGENCY WHICH MIGHT WISH TO DO SO TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP'S WORK. INCLUSION OF THIS PARA. BASED ON SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN FINAL DECLARATION OF NPT REVCON. AS DEPT/ERDA AWARE, HOOEVER, PAKISTAN AND INDIA RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS ON THIS PARA AT JUNE BOARD

(IAEA VIENNA 5123) POSSIBLEY BECAUSE MOST NOTABLE AMONG 24 NPT PARTIES NOT AGENCY MEMBERS IS REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THOUGH RESERVATION EXPRESSED ALSO MIGHT HAVE REFLECTED IRRITATION AT EMPHASIS GIVEN NPT ADHERENCE IN AGENCY

GROUP. MISOFFS AGREED THAT HANDLING OF THIS QUESTION AT GROUP'S FIRST MEETING WOULD REQUIRE FINESSE.

7. WE EXPECT TO MEET WITH AUSTRALIANS AGAIN NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND SECRETARIAT. WILL ADVISE. LABOWITZ

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